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In re Application of
Tsumori et al.
Application No. 10/646,500
Filed: August 22, 2003
Attorney Docket No. 5576-150

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.10, filed November 28, 2003, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of August 22, 2003, rather than the presently accorded filing date of August 25, 2003.

Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited in Express Mail service on August 22, 2003. In support of the allegation, the petition is accompanied by a copy of Express Mail label No. EV353592025US. The "date-in" on the Express Mail label is blank; however, the label contains a United States Postal Service (USPS) stamp of August 22, 2003. The same Express Mail label number was placed on the original application papers located in the official file.

In view of the above, the petition is granted. No petition fee is necessary.

The Office of Initial Patent Examination is directed to correct the filing date to August 22, 2003, and to mail a corrected filing receipt.

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